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Editorials.

STUDENTS do not generally realize how strong is their influence with those who decide what shall be the line of action a college shall adopt. We do not refer to "kicks," petitions and the like, however valuable these may be in the proper place. But do not the Corporation and Faculty of Middlebury College, at least, work to please and benefit the students? The business of a college is to make its students more manly, more cultured, more gentlemanly, in short, better educated in the fullest sense of the word. She is the good and skillful physician, whose aim is to heal our mental weakness and give us the proper tonic to fit us for the untried future. Now, if by our actions we show we need one kind of treatment, it will be granted us, provided the college has sufficient resources to make the grant possible. It hardly needs saying that wise and generous men have founded and supported Middlebury College with no other aim than to improve the young men who apply to her for aid. If this be true, all we have to do to attain any desired reform is to show we have the symptoms which require such treatment.

But not all of us act thus. Some who are very anxious that the chapel exercises be improved will talk or study all through our morning worship. Others declare some instructor is "N. G." and unfit for his position, yet, instead of giving him a chance to see what he can do, they concoct all sorts of schemes to bother the poor fellow, and then use hard language about him, because, as they say, they have learned nothing; when the truth of the matter is they have compelled him to cease instruction and devote his time to preserving order. Another will wail for lights in Starr Hall, and, when his request is granted, proceeds to extinguish them that his own lamp may have sufficient fuel.

However, it was not our purpose to find fault, but rather to suggest a plan by which we ourselves can do much to improve the present condition of things. When we desire a change, let us show that we appreciate what we already have, thus giving evidence that we will make profitable use of the desired improvement. If we want instructors who are cultured and gentlemanly scholars and who will be able to impart to us thorough and accurate instruction as well as manly, firm characters, let us show our appreciation of such men when we do have them. Certain it is, if we evince a spirit of rowdyism which demands a policeman rather than a gentleman, we will have furnished us the policeman-like professors. Do we want men of culture and refinement, or mere braggarts who blow out to us mere idle words, coinings of a brain filled with nonsense and self-esteem?

NOT long since a number of students gathered in the reading room saw a Professor walk up to the files and cut an extract from the last issue of

each of the three leading dailies. Shame! To say nothing of the ungentlemanliness of such conduct, when a paper costs five cents it seems rather small. Doubtless no one was incommoded in this instance, but natural curiosity somehow makes a hole in a newspaper cause wonderful torture. The students support that reading-room, and the Faculty use it only by their courtesy. But, far from discouraging their appearance there, we wish we had the pleasure of their company more. If such were the case, perhaps they might even use the scissors unnoticed.

"BANKRUPT stock" applied to a lot of second-hand clothing will increase its value four-fold. A few flimsy pair of hose, or a lot of neck-ties which remind one of baking-powder can labels, with a "10 ct." tag attached, seem to be valued higher by the knowing tradesmen than a good advertisement. But when a man thus shows that he depends for his success upon the fact that "the American people love to be humbugged," it is time for sensible men to cease dealing with him. And, further, when a merchant is unwilling to confer the slightest favor on the representatives of the college which has done so much for him, it is time for them to cease helping him. To whom we refer may be seen by a comparison of our advertising columns with those of last year.

HAS Middlebury a desire to make her course a little more modern? If so, why don't she, at her Corporation meeting next month, drop Analytics that every one dislikes and no one studies only for "*the 50*" and substitute in its stead French and German? Few colleges have both Analytics and Mechanics in their course. One or the other is elective or entirely omitted. Such a change would give us two terms of French and a whole year of German. Surely this change could not meet with the stale objection that "a new professor would be needed."

A GOOD instructor makes his students see *points*. However wise his thoughts may be, or however valuable, they are of little use if given in promiscuous order and at whatever time seems most convenient. Stick to the subject. If the subject is poor, change it and get a better one; but let us know what, and just what, we are doing. There is little incentive to faithful work when one is uncertain whether he will be called upon to recite about the discovery of America or the formulæ of the inclined plane.

THERE is no wish to indulge in any wise "I told you so," but perhaps it might be well to recall some remarks that were made when the old college tennis court was handed over to the non-society men. It seems too bad that the best court on the campus should be ruined by neglect. We are not sure that there is life enough in those whose business it should be to remedy this matter to make a reminder of any use, but, if there is, let us see the result of it.

THERE is no village in all New England which nature has so richly favored as our Middlebury. There is none that can be compared with her in the character and make-up of her people. Nothing could approach nearer to the ideal college town. That character depends upon environment is no more true of the people with whom one is surrounded than of the gifts of nature one constantly beholds. And in both Middlebury excels. But, on the other hand, we cannot forget that what has made her thus is the remembrance of her early settlers, ever kept fresh by the noblest result of their workmanship, our own Middlebury College.

IT has been said that the last issue of the UNDERGRADUATE was too free in the use of criticism. Doubtless the charge is just. But it is not our purpose to take back anything previously said. However, if the editors present matters as they appear to them and sometimes make a mistake from lack of judgment or complete knowledge, charity should be allowed them. Criticism comes easy anyway. It is far easier to say hard things about everybody and suggest all sorts of impossibilities than to offer encouragement or approval.

AS the college year draws to a close, a glance over the work of the year in all departments reveals much to encourage, little to dishearten those who are deeply interested in Middlebury. A broad, progressive spirit has animated Corporation and Faculty; especially the latter—have shown a desire to do everything possible to advance the interest of the college. Though all their acts have not secured the unqualified approval of the students, yet that would be impossible. The UNDERGRDUATE has criticised where criticism was needed, in the minds of a majority. It is more pleasant to commend than to find fault and it is a pleasure to be able to say that the students ap-

preciate the efforts that are being made to place Middlebury in the front rank of New England colleges. The means at the disposal of the college are limited and this fact should be borne in mind in discussing certain questions. Yet in all respects changes have been made for the better.

The alumni, too, have shown an increased interest in our welfare, financially and otherwise. Would that more of them would follow the excellent example set by many. Money is not the only pressing need. If every alumnus would do all in his power to persuade students to come here, the results would be startling. Some may have good reasons for sending their sons to other colleges, but even they must admit their own Alma Mater has the first claim upon them. It is gratifying to note that this idea is gaining ground. In the grade of scholarship, in requirements of rhetorical work, and in everything which forms part of our college life, marked improvement has been made. The results of all these may be seen in the harmonious working together of Faculty and student, and, where this is the case, a college cannot go backwards. Middlebury should and must treble the number of her students in the near future.

CLASS TREE SONG.

BY A. M. GOODNOUGH.

Air—Hurrah for Old New England.

COME, classmates, gather round the tree
We plant on College green,—
Long may it stand in memory
Of happy days we've seen;
And as its roots strike deep in earth,
Its top towers toward the sun,
We'll sit and sing and beneath its shade,
Of glorious '61.

Chorus.—Hurrah! for the class we love, boys!
Hurrah! for '61,
God-speed, we bid each other now,
Where'er we live or roam.

These branches spreading wide o'erhead,
All center in one part.
And thus may we, though scattered wide,
Remain but one in heart.
Then plant the tree, and let it stand,
And tell of days bygone,
It is the banner of our band,
The pride of '61.
Chorus.

Though soon we leave you, classmates dear,
'Mid other scenes to roam,
Fond memory still will linger here
Around our college home.
And while in the wild and rugged ways
Of life we struggle on,
We'll not forget to speak the praise
Of glorious '61.
Chorus.

We hope when circling years have passed,
This tree so large will grow,
'Twill shelter all of our old class,
With wives and children, too.
Ah, then as we sit beneath its boughs,
We'll tell each little son,
How he shall sing when he's a man
The praise of '61.
Chorus.

Literary.

A RETROSPECT.

THE UNDERGRADUATE has shown a commendable energy in endeavoring to advance the interests of Middlebury College. One way in which it has done this is by requesting the alumni to state their views as to the comparative value of the respective studies of their college course, as tested by actual experience, and to suggest any changes which they consider desirable. They alone are competent to speak on the first point; the second, however, is a much more difficult and complex one. It is one thing for those who are not now connected with the college life to feel that certain changes are desirable, but quite another thing to take into consideration all the existing circumstances, determine wisely what is on the whole best, and successfully carry out desirable changes. We shall perhaps be better able to consider the situation intelligently, if we compare in some particulars the condition of the college in 1889 with what it was twenty-five years ago, in 1864.

The number of students now is so nearly the same that it was at that earlier period that this point hardly needs to be taken into consideration, though it should be said that just at that time the number was reduced somewhat by the absence of those in the army. That in which there is probably the most noticeable change is the time devoted to study in the course of a year. Twenty-five years ago there was a long vacation of nine weeks in the winter, the very best part of the year for study, in order that the student might teach and thus secure the means to defray his expenses. But in addition to this the student was allowed to be absent during the first five weeks of the spring term. It might almost be said that, as a result, the vacation was fourteen weeks long, for during these five weeks scarcely any one was in attendance at college, except

a portion of the Freshman class, and no one was required to make up the studies of this time. After these fourteen weeks of hard and fatiguing work in teaching, the students returned to study through the hot summer months till commencement in August. It must be clear that not only were fewer weeks devoted to study, but also much less satisfactory results were attained. During the last five years there have been only one or two instances of students absent for the purpose of teaching.

A careful computation furnishes the following facts in respect to the time given to the various studies at the two periods. If the time allowed a study or a department in 1864 be represented by 100 and the time which that study or department now has as compared with that earlier period by the proper per cent. the situation will be clearly seen. And first note those which have been diminished in amount. The per cent. representing the Latin now will be 91, Greek 69, Mental Science 60, Pure Mathematics 54, Moral Science 40. Those which receive increased attention are Natural Science 115, Natural Philosophy, including Physics and Astronomy, 163, Political Science 191, English 191, while the 50 hours of French and 129 of German are really entirely new; for, although German is in the list of studies at the earlier period, it was assigned to a class, which at the time usually had no members present. It ought perhaps to be stated that the figures given for Latin and Greek include time now devoted to the study of Roman and Grecian history, literature and antiquities, so that the time given to the text of the authors is much smaller.

The appliances for study have received large additions. The apparatus to illustrate physical science has been greatly increased in amount and efficiency, so that the essential principles of the science can be satisfactorily illustrated. The cabinet has been enlarged, arranged in a suitable room, and made a practical aid in the instruction of the various departments. The chemical laboratory has been prepared for practical work. One of the most important improvements of this sort is the removal of the library to another building and the use which is now made of it. Dr. Hamlin remodeled the north division of Painter Hall for this purpose. All the four stories are occupied and the lower floor is fitted up as a very pleasant reading-room, containing the periodical literature and the more commonly needed books of reference, and although it is not so imposing as many library buildings it serves the purpose for which a library is designed admirably. From 10,000 or 12,000 the number of the books has increared to more than 16,000, between 500 and 600 having been added during the present year, aside from government documents. Twenty-five years ago the library was open for three-quarters of an hour each week, that is, the the door was open, but the student could not enter. If he knew what book he wanted, he could ask for it. Now it is open two hours each week-day, and a student has free access to all the shelves and to a card catalogue of authors and subjects. Constant reference is made in the class-room to books by volume and page, and students are expected to profit by this. As an aid in this, books specially helpful during the study of a particular subject are reserved in shelves on the first floor. The result is that the library is much frequented, more books are taken out for consultation, and a higher grade of scholarship and study has been inaugurated. An examination of the librarian's register for the last winter term shows that on the average two books were taken out each week by each student. Improved text-books have also aided very much in the attainment of larger results in the same time.

A system of "honors" has been established by means of which individuals are enabled to do additional work in studies for which they have a special taste or of which they feel especial need. This work though outside of the class-room, is carried on under the immediate supervision of a professor and with his aid. Honors have already been conferred in the following departments: Classics, Modern Languages, Physics and Chemistry, Natural History, History and Political Science, Philosophy. By this means it is found that a student can be taught the methods and value of independent work more successfully than in any other. In classics the students, besides the work of the thesis, read nearly as much Latin and Greek as is included in the whole course in the recitation room. This honor work satisfies to a certain extent the modern demand for electives.

There is scarcely any study now taught which could be successfully carried on with much less time bestowed upon it. If any important change is made either some study must be omitted altogether or at least it must be omitted by some students, which means the introduction of the elective system. Middlebury College has continued to be a College after the old type, that is with a required curriculum con-

taining those studies which are considered most essential for a liberal education. In a college where a class, on account of its size, must be diyided into two sections, it does not necessitate much of an increase in teaching force to offer the choice between two studies, if the class is likely to be somewhat evenly divided in its choice. But with the classes in Middlebury it would mean twice as large a teaching force for each class thus divided. What would be considered best, if it were possible to introduce a large element of elective studies, I cannot say, but, if the friends of the College will furnish the necessary funds, it will become necessary to decide the question.

There is not space to more than mention some other points. Through the generosity of Dr. Merrill a large increase has been made in the prizes offered for the encouragement and improvement of elocution. The physical side of the student's life is developed now by the aid of the gymnasium, as well as the newly prepared base ball grounds, the tennis courts and general athletics which receive increased attention. The UNDERGRADUATE also, which is conducted with credit and profit to the college, should not be omitted in the enumeration of the things belonging to the present time.

COLLEGE VERSE AND ITS MAKERS.

II.

I SAID in my first paper that the college poet must win respect for himself or he never will secure it; that he must be his own defender. How shall he do it? There are many things he will have to do before he attains to any fair degree of excellence; there are a few things he *must* do before he can be respectable. Let us look at some of these few things, the essential preliminaries to decent versifying.

1. He must select themes suitable for poetic treatment. It is only the poetic thought that calls for the poetic expression, nor should any thought be expressed in verse if it can be expressed as well in prose. If the poetic thought never comes, it is all the more desirable that one confine himself to prose—the natural form of expression. Circumstances often make writing necessary. Thought must have a medium for transmission and the natural medium is prose, but no one expresses his thought in verse except in a voluntary way. The choice of verse instead of prose as a medium for the expression of thought is virtually a declaration that in the judgment of the writer prose cannot do it justice. It follows that he who uses verse issues a challenge; he invites severer criticism than if he had written in prose. If he gets it he should not complain.

A certain Gifted Hopkins once sent to Josh Billings a copy of his verses and asked for a judgment as to his poetical ability. "My dear sir," wrote Billings, "you may be a — fool, but you are no poet." The most of us feel that the reply, though severe, was salutary; it would have been brutal had the young man submitted prose. Let the college poet, then, see to it that his themes are such as call for poetic treatment. To say nothing of other considerations, on the score of personal convenience alone why should he hamper a prose thought with the limitations of meter and of rhyme?

> "Who writes in verse who should have writ in prose
> Is like a traveller walking on his toes;
> Happy the man who not too late has found
> The heels he lifts were made to touch the ground."

To indulge in such needless effort with the sole result of making one's self ridiculous is not a sign of wisdom. One might as well waltz to the post-office; he would cut no absurder figure.

2. He must study the technical part of verse. The main trouble with the honored maxim, "A poet is born, not made," is the fact that it is wholly misleading. It can be said with equal truth, "A mechanic is born, not made," "A musician is born, not made." A poet is born with an aptitude—nothing else; so is the mcchanic and so is the musician. It is an aptitude which enables him to perceive and appropriate with exceptional readiness the principles of the science underlying his favorite art. There is no art among men which does not rest upon science—music on the science of harmony, drawing on the science of perspective, sculpture on the science of anatomy, and so on through the list. The science must be mastered before the art can be effectively employed; even genius must work hard. Take the testimony of the greatest of his contemporaries concerning Shakespeare and the point at issue:

> "Yet must I not give nature all; thy art,
> My gentle Shakespeare, must enjoy a part.
> . . . . . he
> Who casts to write a living line must sweat
> (Such as thine are) and strike the second heat
> Upon the Muse's anvil; turn the same,
> And himself with it, that he thinks to fame;
> Or for the laurel he may gain a scorn;
> *For a good poet's made as well as born.*"

If the writing of poetry meant sweat for Shakespeare ——.

Syntax lies at the basis of composition in both prose and verse, but prosody is peculiarly the grammar of poetry. The laws of meter, rhyme, consonantal melody, vowel melody, and the like, together constitute the science of poetics. Indeed, strictly speaking, prosody is a science while syntax is not. The laws of prosody are not arbitrary, like those of syntax; they have not originated in usage but have sprung from the essential nature of things. It is as disastrous to attempt the writing of verse without an adequate knowledge of its peculiar laws as to attempt the writing of prose without a knowledge of syntax. How many makers of college verse have ever thought of prosody as a science to be mastered? Not one in ten. Let no one flatter himself that his talents render him superior to the need of such a knowledge. Nor can that need be decried on the ground that a most detailed familiarity with the laws of prosody, if reinforced by nothing else, will not suffice for the production of the truest poetry. No one denies it. But what of it? It is equally true that an ability to write grammatically, if reinforced by nothing else, will not suffice for the production of a first-class oration, and yet it is absolutely essential to the production of that oration. As regards verse, the needed reinforcement, in its highest manifestation, men call genius; it takes the otherwise lifeless form, lifeless however perfectly molded, and infuses into its structure a mysterious influence—and poetry becomes a living power. But even genius, however mysterious, is amenable to every law. It is superior to no rule; it "begins where the rules end."

3. There must be a constant study of acknowledged standards and critical comparison of one's own work with them. Nothing else will combine so much of instruction and incentive. In one sense, the result of such comparison cannot fail to be discouraging. But discouragement is better than egotism and more stimulating than the satisfaction of ignorance. The outcome may perhaps be fewer poems but they will be better poems and quality counts when poets are up for judgment.

Alumni Department.

FOUNDING OF THE UNDERGRADUATE.

I have noticed that for the last year the UNDERGRADUATE has borne upon its front the announcement that it was founded in 1831 and that the present issue of the paper is a "new series." For ten or a dozen years upon the cover of your publication was the legend "Founded in 1875." I take exception to the change which has been made by some one who apparently had no knowledge of the history of the UNDERGRADUATE and acted, it seems to me, rashly in assuming to know more than the editors who had preceded him. As a matter of fact the UNDERGRADUATE was *founded* in *1876*. I make this statement here because, having had much to do in establishing the paper, I know of what I speak and I am unwilling that you should persist in error without information on the subject.

The first steps taken in the enterprise were taken by myself in 1875, but the project did not result in publication until the spring of 1876. There had been published in Middlebury college during the 30's a papaper called "The Undergraduate." That fact—it was published during my father's college days—and the additional fact that nearly every collegiate institution was publishing a periodical, aroused in me the desire to see a paper established in my own institution. I broached the subject to some of my classmates; but they had little faith in our ability to make the enterprise work. At last I interested Edward Dana, now district attorney of Rutland, in the scheme, and to him is largely due the success of the undertaking. We planned the paper and he took upon himself the burden of making the contracts for the printing, etc. After this had been done we called a meeting of the students and laid before them what we had done. We persuaded them to support the enterprise. When an association had been formed the question of naming the paper came up. Many names were proposed, most of them fanciful. I urged the association to adopt the name of the paper published by our fathers—a publication which, I am sure, none of them had ever heard of before. That paper had slumbered in the sleep of death for forty years and I don't believe its memory lingered in the mind of even Prof. Parker.

This is absolutely all the connection that exists between "The Undergraduate" of 1831–3 and THE UNDERGRADUATE of the present day. I see that you assume that the paper you conduct is a revival of the former paper. If you will read the salutatory editorial of your paper you will see that we considered our publication merely the *namesake* of that of our fathers. We had not the slightest notion of *reviving* the

latter. It would have been an idiotic attempt and the UNDERGRADUATE would not have survived the first number. I have in my possession a bound copy of the "Undergraduates" issued in 1831. Could you see it you would see clearly what I mean. There is not a feature in common between the two papers. We intentionally planned a new periodical—one which we hoped would gain the support of the alumni without whose aid we knew we must fail. The paper originated in 1831 died after two years of existence. (I believe it was published but two years.) The seeds of death were in it from the beginning. Our paper has lived thirteen years and gives promise of a hale old age. Long life to it! The very fact that it was not a revival—the galvanized corpse—of the old publication is the reason of its existence at this day. Had, as was suggested at that first meeting of the undergraduate association, the new paper been named "The Middlebury Student," would any rash editor of the paper have dreamed that it was a "revival" and have written on its cover, regardless of the testimony of years, "Founded in 1831"? It is a fine sentiment to hold that Middlebury prints a paper fifty years and more, but it is not true. I want you to do justice to the class of 1876 who alone are entitled to the honor of founding "THE UNDERGRADUATE."

Communications.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any article in this column. Its sentiments, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

Our last college elections have now become an item of our college history. The last issue of the UNDERGRADUATE chronicles the results; but for this they would be soon forgotten. Yet not exactly forgotten, for in passing they do leave traces on the face of our glacier life which wear away as the huge mass moves steadily on. As to their results I have nothing to say *pro* or *con*. Yet would it be out of place to remark that none of our organizations are for any one class of men? No one class is large enough or rich enough to maintain the poorest of our organizations. If we achieve any success in our organizations as such it will be because *every one* helps; and our greatest success will come when we elect men who are *best* fitted for the positions. Our aim ought to be give reputation and character to our associations, place them on a good financial basis and not sneak out of paying our assessments and then try to enjoy all the advantages.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

There is a saying that the laborer is worthy of his hire. If he is, the manager of our reading room should get better pay for his services. He receives fourteen dollars per year. If he does his duty, as the present manager certainly has, he must make two trips to town daily. He must lose at least one of the two valuable hours before the second recitation, and an hour at that time is indeed valuable. His work is certainly harder than that of the librarians who are paid much better. Every one knows the curses heaped on his head if the morning dailies are not on file at the earliest possible moment, or if this or that periodical or journal is gone. The position is an important one. The manager must attend strictly to business to make the reading room a source of pleasure and profit. And is it not a little too much to ask one to do this practically for love of the reading room and other people's convenience?

EDITORS UNDERGRADUATE:

Today everybody is ridiculing our "literary work." That it is inferior to that done in any other New England college, every editor of the UNDERGRADUATE knows; that it is disgraceful nobody denies. "Give us more news and less essays," is the unanimous request of the alumni, which, of course, is simply a polite way of saying, as an old editor-in-chief was frank enough to say last fall: "There is absolutely nothing in your 'literary work,' and we alumni prefer news to news and trash." In looking about for a remedy, we are met with this statement: "Our advance must be regulated by our means. Give us more money and we will establish an English course or make any other needed improvements." Of course if we admit that poverty is the only cause there is no need of discussing the question further. But is this the case! Is our poor "literary work" not rather due to the fact that we do not make the most of what we have; in other words, that we are asleep? Without discussing the whole field of neglected opportunities, for they are legion, there is one thing that shows the latter position to be the true one and that is our class-room English. Each recitation ought to be an exercise in English composition; as it is our recitations are largely exercises in farm, campus or kitchen dialects. Stu-

dents are allowed to mispronounce words, to use slang and to indulge in grammatical blunders day after day; and the Freshman rumor that certain professors do the same things, the Senior knows to be a fact. There is not one professor that makes it a point to insist that his students shall use good English—English that will stand the test of type. Occasionaly one wakes up, so to speak, and gives a little talk about exactness and the use of words, but he soon falls asleep while the students continue to murder their native tongue in a manner that would shock even a district school teacher. Now this condition of affairs is all wrong, and should it and certain other conditions continue, the discovery of a rich vein of gold on the campus would not improve our "literary work" one whit. But there is another idea in this connection: The result of true mental discipline is thought and the ability clearly to express it. Are the students of Middlebury College getting such discipline?

A. E. CUSHMAN, '89.

Town and Campus.

All college work was suspended Decoration Day.

All business was suspended in town Decoration day.

The Freshmen are making their usual surveying trip.

Every student and alumnus should take the college paper.

Prof. Yager preached in the Congregational church May 19.

"I vant ma goods, ma vite un, ma blac' un, dis vas tam roppery."

Prof. Howard began International law with the Seniors May 20th.

Rev. J. H. Bond preached the memorial sermon at the town hall May 26.

Prof. Eaton preached at the Monument church, Weybridge, May 12.

Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Scott are expected home from abroad this month.

The Star printing office over Bond Bros' store has removed to Greenbush, N. Y.

Dr. Levi Hasseltine and Mr. D. Merritt of Brandon have bought the Hanaford Park drug store.

President Hyde of Bowdoin has an interesting article on examinations in the May *Forum*. Read it.

A Boston company has bought the Severance quarry, mill and machinery and are going to start business soon.

The High school nine played the Brandon school nine at Brandon May 18. The score stood 37 to 26 in favor of Middlebury.

Harmon '91, Pease '90, Austin '89, Collins '89, and Profs. Yager, Wright and Paton attended the music festival at Rutland May 11th.

The Beeman Academy, New Haven, closed the 13th, graduating a class of seven, and the Bristol school closed the 14th, graduating a class of four.

The triennial catalogue is being rapidly pushed toward completion. Profs. Howard and Boyce are endeavoring to make it more complete than it has ever been before.

Prof. W. E. Howard addressed the Teachers' Institute at Madrid, N. Y., May 25th, on the subject, "The Footsteps of the Saxons." The Institute was held by School Commissioner John A. Haig, '73.

Prof. Yager addressed a Teachers' Institute at Schroon Lake, N. Y., May 28th, on the subject, "A Trip Across the Atlantic" and another at Norwood, N. Y., June 6th, on the subject, "The Olden Time."

The new law firm of Bliss & Royce occupy the office in the Brewster block made vacant by the removal of Messrs. Eldredge & Slade to the court house. Mr. Royce has purchased Gov. Knapp's house on North Pleasent street.

The new stone steps at the Congregatsonal church are nearly completed. They improve the looks of the church. Old graduates, who do not read the UNDERGRADUATE, will not recognize their former place of worship when they come back to Commencement.

There are only four men in college who are not members of the Athletic Association and all are members of the UNDERGRADUATE Association. In the former the members are subject to a small tax, while in the latter no taxes are levied. This may be the cause.

Great improvement is being made on our principal walk. This was very badly needed and there are other walks in the same condition. Why can't we have walks from the main walk to the reading room and library instead of those paths which were made there when the campus was a pasture? We have a handsome campus, and a few more walks and drives would make it equal to any in New England.

Buy a Kaleidoscope.

The High School closes the 21st, graduating a class of five.

Some of the boys are boarding at the Addison House.

Sub-Freshmen begin to make their appearance on the campus.

Miss Palmer, '91, is to enter the class of '91 at Vassar next fall.

W. H. Button, '90, read a poem at the Decoration Day exercises.

A good delegation went up to Burlington to hear Emma Thursbee.

Lavery, '90, and Owen, '90, were capsized while sailiug on Lake Dunmore May 31.

Pinney, '91, was home for some weeks on account of the sickness and death of his father.

The Memorial exercises were held in the town hall. Col. George W. Hooker of Brattleboro delivered the address.

The High School nine played the Burlington school nine on the College ground June 1, score 19 to 12 in favor of the visitors.

Those who expected to get a dollar's worth for 50 cents have found out that a bankrupt sale of clothing was not a sure investment.

At the corners of the streets leading out of town, signs—marks of backwood simplicity—have been put up to direct the lazy traveler.

The town Y. M. C. A. that has been running for the past two years has decided to close its reading room. A lack of funds is the cause.

A. B. Pease, '90, gave a very pleasant "Drive whist" party at his rooms May 23. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Chapman and Mrs. Prof. Yager acted as chaperons.

The class of 1839 will have a semi-centennial meeting and the class of 1864, of which President Brainerd is a member, will hold a reunion at the coming commencement.

Mrs. Prof. Wright has so far recovered from her illness as to be able to return to Akron, O. Mrs. Wright was accompanied by her mother and Professor, the latter returning May 28.

The following named persons will contest for the Merrill prizes commencement: E. W. Benedict, F. D. Boynton, E. C. Bryant, V. C. Harrington, C. A. Mead, Thos. H. Noonan, Ira E. Pinney, D. G. Reilly and F. H. Walker.

The Athletic Association expresses its thanks to the faculty and the alumni of the town for their generous aid in helping us to wipe out an old debt that has crippled our actions for some years past.

Only three or four fellows have trained for field-day sports this spring. Had they trained with the same faithfulness that they did last fall the records would, without doubt, have been much better than they are. This is an argument for having our field day in the early fall.

Not many mornings ago the stroller up Waldo avenue might have seen, securely fastened above the chapel door, the glaring sign of "Liquor Agency," while the north end of Starr Hall supported, just above the second story window, a "Bankrupt Clothier's" sign. In the words of an influential alumnus, "Let the good work go on."

The resident alumni of the college met at Judge Slade's office at the court house on Monday evening to arrange for the coming commencement. The following appointments were then made: Marshal, Col. Thad M. Chapman; committee on finance, A. T. Stapleton, '77; on dinner, Hon. L. D. Eldredge, '57; on music, Dr. William H. Sheldon and John A. Fletcher, '87; on hospitality, Prof. Granville Yager, Prof. Thomas H. Boyce, '76, and W. S. Edgerton, '87.

The Kaleidoscope issued by the Junior class is out, and in the opinion of many it is unquestionably the finest publication of the kind ever issued in Middlebury. The book is of good size, there being 136 pages, and is neatly printed on good paper and substantially and handsomely bound. It contains a picture of the town, portraits of Prof. Seely and Col. Aldace Walker, a picture of the class and no end of cuts oddly designed, yet suggestive, drawn by a member of the class and Artist Jackson. The usual historical information is put in in an unusually interesting way, and many new features are added. The editors and manager, backed by the class, have spared neither labor nor money in their endeavor to make the volume valuable and at the same time an entertaining sketch of college life in Middlebury. In this effort they have been more than successful and the book is an honor to the class and a credit to the institution. This feature of our collge work should be encouraged by a liberal patronage by both faculty and students.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The effort to pay all claims against the Athletic Association has been more than successful, as can be seen from the following statement. We certainly have just cause for rejoicing, as it has been a long time since we could say that we as an Association, owed no man a penny.

RECEIPTS.

From the Alumni in Urbe	$ 9 00	
" Faculty	16 00	
" $1.65 tax	42 90	
" Gate, Field Day	11 75	
" Register Company	1 50	
Total Receipts,		$81 15

EXPENDITURES.

Paid the Register Company	$35 50	
" Mrs. Hanaford (balance)	6 15	
" R. M. Collins (balance)	14 40	
" B. W. Sherman (bal. on loan)	5 00	
" H. E. Owen	44	
" E. B. Clift	1 87	
" E. C. Bryant	1 67	
" A. A. Lavery	1 65	
" Truckman	25	
" F. H. Walker (tax)	1 65	
" W. F. Alden, (ball, etc.)	1 65	
Total expenditures,		$71 67

ASSETS, JUNE 8.

Cash balance in treasury	$ 9 48	
Unpaid membership tax	9 90	
Unpaid subscriptions to field-day director (fall,'88)	4 75	
Total assets,		$24 13

LIABILITIES, JUNE 8.

To be allowed on future taxes, A. A. Lavery	$ 1 12	
" " " " F. H. Walker	2 00	
Total liabilities		$3 12
Assets over liabilities,		$21 01

F. D. BOYNTON, Treas.

EIGHTY-NINTH COMMENCEMENT OF MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

The public exercises will be held in the Congregational Church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1889.

10:30 A. M. Baccalaureate Discourse by President Brainerd, LL. D.

7:30 P. M. Address before the Young Men's Christian Association of the College by Rev. E. C. Evans, A. M., of Indianapolis, Ind.

ALUMNI DAY, TUESDAY, JULY 2.

9:00 A. M. Preliminary meeting of the Associated Alumni at the College Chapel.

10:30 A. M. Address before the Associated Alumni by Rev. Charles S. Murkland, A. M., of Manchester, N. H, class of '81. Poem by Hon. David K. Simonds, A. M., class of '62. Memorial Address—Professor William H. Parker, class of 1830—by Professor Henry M. Seely, A. M., succeeded by a dinner and social reunion at the Addison.

EVENING.

8:00 P. M. Competitive Speaking of the Freshman and Sophomore classes for the Parker and Merrill prizes.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3.

8:30 A. M. Annual meeting of the Associated Alumni at the College Chapel.

10:30 A. M. Exercises of the Graduating class. Master's Oration by Charles Billings, class of 1886. Conferring of Degrees. The Corporation dinner will follow at the Addison.

8:00 P. M. Commencement Concert at the Church.

9 to 11 P. M. President's Reception at his residence on Seminary Street, to which all the Alumni and friends of the College are invited.

The Registry of the Alumni will be found at the Addison.

Tickets will be sold from the principal railroad stations, good from June 28 to July 4 inclusive, on the Rutland Division of the Central Vermont Railroad, and persons coming from Ogdensburgh, Norwood, Madrid and Malone, N. Y., will be furnished a certificate by the Secretary of the Alumni entitling them to purchase return tickets at one cent per mile.

A free carriage will be run between the Addison and the College Chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Personals.

Information in regard to our Alumni is kindly solicited of all friends of the college. Notice will be given in our personal column to all communications regarding the same.

'25. John Spaulding died recently.

'39. The class of '39 will hold a reunion at the coming commencement. There were thirty-nine graduates in the class of whom, so far as known, fifteen are alive. Their names are: H. Bingham, J. Bradshaw, D. S. T. Douglass, E. Everts, M. L. Gray, D. S. Hough, A. H. Parmelee, J. A. Ranney, W. Reynolds, L. H. Sheldon, E. Y. Swift, G. S. Swift, L. Taylor, N. F. Wright, T. K. Wright.

'40. E. J. Phelps will deliver the Phi Beta Kappa address at Harvard this year.

'42. The few remaining members of the class of '42 will be pained to learn of the death of Milo D. Cook.

'42. Rev. O. Myrick has been pastor of the Congregational church at Middletown Springs, Vt., for 23 years.

'42. Hon. Timothy C. Smith who has been in Washington for some months returned home May 24.

'46. Hon. John W. Stewart spent Memorial-day in town.

'47. W. W. Winchester of Williamstown, Mass., preached in the Congregational church at Bridport recently. He also made a short visit to his brother-in-law, L. E. Knapp.

'48. R. E. Maranville of Milford, Del., writes less about himself at present than we would like, yet his letter is so full of interest that we publish it entire:

"Soon after graduating in 1848 I went to Georgia and was engaged in educational work most of the time until about the close of the first year of the civil war. I did not enter into the spirit of secession with as much zeal as the people with whom I lived desired and I was compelled to do one of three things. I could espouse the cause of the South and consecrate mind, body and estate to further the interests of the Southern Confederacy; or failing to see my duty in that direction, permission might be given to leave within a certain time; but neglecting to accept either of these demands, the only alternative that stared me in the face was to pull hemp in the near future. A non-combatant with Union proclivities would not be tolerated under any circumstances. When a boy my father raised flax, as many of the farmers did 50 years ago, and I always had a great aversion to "pulling flax." This was a kind of manual labor extremely distasteful to me then, and being unaccustomed to that branch of agricultural industry, I turned my face toward the North star and bade adieu to the land of my adoption. It was not a pleasant journey to anticipate the morning I left Georgia to return to my Green Mountain home in Vermont. There were many risks to run before reaching the other side of Mason and Dixon. There was a possibility of fetching up in some Southern camp or prison, but the word was 'go!' and with very little ceremony I went. Without relating any of the many stirring incidents that befell me on the way; let me say there were about a dozen fugitives like myself and when we crossed the line and had placed our feet on soil not tinctured with the dynamite of secession, all, with one accord, without preconcerted agreement, waved our hats and handkerchiefs and shouted loud and long for the old flag and the fair land of freedom. We sat down on the banks of the river of deliverance within the Union lines and joined in singing that grand old hymn, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty." Those were 'times that stirred men's souls,' as much as were the days of '76. I spent about a week in Washington once when the Hon. James Meacham of Middlebury represented his district in Congress. He succeeded Prof. Smith in the chair of Rhetoric and English Literature when I was an undergraduate. Profs. Meacham, Stoddard, Twining, Adams, Bascom, Churchill, Boardman and Pres. Labaree composed the faculty of Middlebury College from '44 to '48. All were good men and true men, each discharging his duties with fidelity and an earnest desire to do right every time. Gen. Taylor was President at the time referred to and Mr. Meacham took delight in introducing his friends to prominent men in both houses of Congress. The famous 'Omnibus Bill' of Mr. Clay was pending in Congress then and we were in the gallery of the Senate the day that Mr. Calhoun made his last appearance in the Senate chamber and delivered his last speech in opposition to the bill. He had been ill for a long time and entered the Senate with great difficulty. Most of his speech was read by Senator Mason of Virginia, though he prefaced it with remarks that proved his mind to be still vigorous. The fire of intellect flashed from his eye as bright as ever, but his voice was feeble. I saw and heard in that memorable debate, Webster, Clay, Calhoun, the three great lights in American statesmenship, matchless giants in constitutional law, silvery eloquence and burning logic. Cass, Douglas, Phelps and others of those grand old Senators of '40 years ago were there every one of whom has joined the countless majority. While we were sitting in the gallery and listening, Mr. Meacham said that the 'irrepressible conflict was sure to come sooner or later. You may live to see it though I may not. Freedom and slavery can not exist many years longer in this country. One must go down before the other, in bloodshed perhaps, and the longer it is delayed the greater will be the peril.' I had doubts at the time, but the prophecy has been fulfilled to the very letter.

'51. Rev. Samuel W. Boardman, D. D., now of Stanhope, N. J., has accepted the presidency of Maysville (Tenn.) College, and will begin his new duties soon.

'52. Rufus Wainwright has been appointed deputy register of probate.

'57. Hon. L. D. Eldredge has been appointed register of probate. He has moved his office to the court house.

'58. Judge C. S. Colburn delivered the address in Pittsford on the anniversary of Washington's inauguration.

'58. Judge Walker and wife of Ludlow are expected home soon. They spent the winter in Kansas City and the far West.

'61. A. M. Goodnough is a dealer in musical instruments in Redding, Cal. He is also interested in real estate and commissions. He sends us a "Class-Tree Song" which we publish in this number. The class tree is thrifty and measures 51 inches in circumference. It grows better than the class-tree of '62, which measures only 37 inches.

'62. Col. Aldace F. Walker, it is said, is soon to become the head of a leading law firm in Chicago. The Interstate Railroad Association has had a short life, and its death will be officially announced at an early date.

'62. May 18th Hon. L. E. Knapp left Middlebury with his family for his new home at Sitka, Alaska. The Colonel leaves many friends in Middlebury.

'62, D. K. Simonds has been appointed postmaster at Manchester, Vt.

'64. Hon. James K. Batchelder has purchased an elegant residence at Arlington. It is said to be valued at $10,000.

'64. Dr. L. H. Hemenway is recovering from a serious illness.

'67. Hon. James M. Slade has been appointed Judge of Probate for the district of Addison to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Gov. Knapp. We clip the following from the *Register* of May 24: "Mr. Slade is a man of ability, education and eminent fitness for the position which he has been called to occupy. He is a grandson of Gov. Slade, one of the strongest men Addison county ever produced, and a son of James M. Slade, for many years a prominent resident and business man of this town. After graduating with honor from the college Mr. Slade took a course at the Albany Law school and then entered upon the practice of his profession. When Mr. Stewart was governor he was secretary of civil and military affairs, and in the office of Messrs. Stewart & Eldredge, during the days when the collection of internal revenue amounted to something, he had charge of the complicated accounts connected with that business. He is in consequence of these experiences an expert accountant and knows how to manage an office systematically and properly."

'71. A. E. Clarke has sold the Malone *Farmer* and intends to locate in the West.

'71. Hon. W. E. Howard recently spoke at a Teachers' Instititute in Madrid, N. Y.

'71. Hiram Smith, who was recently appointed First Assistant Commissioner of Pensions, is expecting to be present at Commencement.

'71. E. H. Bottum of Milwaukee, Wis., of the firm of Winkler, Flanders, Bottum & Vilas, was in town June 4. He is East on a visit to his friends in New Haven.

'73. John A. Haig, School Commissioner, at Madrid, N. Y., will be here Commencement.

'73. Rev. H. M. Tenney has accepted a call from the Congregational church at Grinnell, Ia.

'74. Prof. C. C. Gove, Principal of Drury Academy, North Adams, was recently elected President of the Western Massachusetts Teachers' Association. During the rector's vacation Mr. Gove is officiating at St. Mark's Church in Adams, and reads service for both the English and German congregations.

'77. H. P. Stimson, President of the American National Bank of Kansas City, was recently a guest of his father, S. W. Stimson, of Ludlow. Mr. Stimson and wife have just returned from a trip of several months in foreign parts.

'80. P. M. Meldon was plaintiff's attorney in the important case of Stone vs. Central Vermont R. R,. which resulted in favor of the plaintiff.

'81. M. A. Brooks has been elected to the board of trustees of the Middlebury Graded school in place of Prof. W. H. Parker, deceased.

'81. H. B. Boice, instructor in the Physical department at Rutgers, writes to tell us how much interest he takes in our athletics. He was a good athlete when in college.

'81, '62. C. S. Murkland is to be orator and D. K. Simonds poet at commencement.

'81. Chas. A. Sweet is cashier of the bank at Radcliffe, Iowa. Mr. Sweet was recently married to a daughter of Mr. Thos. Hurley of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway.

'82. Ross spent a few days in town recently.

'82. S. A. Barrett delivered the address in Castleton on April 30.

'82. Dr. E. F. Preston has been compelled to mourn the loss of his wife. Her disease was pnumonia and she was sick only a week.

'83. Prof. Samuel Sheldon is editor of the scientific department of the *Youth's Companion*.

'84. Glen E. Lathrop, lately cashier of a bank at Concordia, Kansas, was in town June 5. Mr. Lathrop soon goes to Fort Payne, Alabama, and will be cashier in the First National bank of that place.

'84. Prof. F. H. Knowlton of the National Museum is on a scientific expedition to the Yellowstone Park.

'87. Wales was in town June 1.

'83. S. J. Preston has been engaged for another year as principal of the new Union school at Mamaroneck, N. Y.

'88. G. E. Knapp has gone to Alaska as his father's private secretary.

'88. "Mr. E. L. Allen blushingly accepts congratulations."—*Rutland Herald.*

'88. Prof. B. L. Brown of Sherman Academy delivered the Memorial address at Moriah, N. Y.

'89. Harry S. Noe is manager of the Wesleyan University base ball team, and one of the ten commencement orators appointed on the basis of scholarship.

'90. G. F. Fletcher is at his home in East Washington, N. H., for the summer.

Reviews and Exchanges.

BOOK NOTICES.

Elementary Psychology. By Daniel Putnam, A. M. New York and Chicago; A. S. Barnes & Co. Pp. 278; price $.90.

The importance of Psychology is wearing away rapidly the once prevailing opinion that the study of it should be restricted to colleges and universities. Everyone should have a clear idea of the subject. "It deals with springs of action hidden from those ignorant of the science of the soul. It supplies higher and nobler motives for right thinking, right feeling and right doing." The work lays no claim to originality, nor is it intended as a college text-book. but every student could read it with much profit, while for those whose education ends with the academy the book is more than valuable.

Memory Training. By W. A. Evans, M. A. New York; A. S. Barnes & Co. Pp. 269. Price, $1.25.

The purpose and scope of the work is best shown by: "This little volume is respectfuly dedicated to the student who will master it." It is refreshing in these days of mysterious humbugs, to find a work of this kind which is readable as well as instructive. It treats the subject from physiological and psychological standpoints. It requires application to master it, but the work is not a grind. Students, especially, would be well repaid for a careful study of the book.

The *Normal News* for May is almost entirely filled with contest orations. The oration on "Sabbath Desecration" is powerful and right to the point.

The *Vermont Academy Life*, issuing from the same printing office as the UNDERGRADUATE, bears a close resemblance to it in many respects. It is is a wide-awake publication, and a great credit to the academy.

The exchange columns of the *University Cynic* might more appropriately be labelled "clippings," or "extracts," or "quotations," than exchanges. We envy the exchange editor of the *Cynic*. It must be very easy to copy a dozen or two paragraphs from other publications. Here is a sample: "The Sophomore class at Lafayette has suspended for hazing. . . . —*Ex.*" Great news! Let's see, did not that occur last fall some time?

A great deal of fun has been poked at the "sweet girl graduates" of Vassar. The Vassar *Miscellany* shows that the sweet girl *under*graduates, at least, know something besides speculative philosophy, and protoplasm, whatever that may be. The writer of De Temporibus et Moribus, besides being a close observer, has a delightful facility of description, and we anticipate pleasure in reading more from her pen, and in a more widely distributed publication than the *Miscellany*.

The paper which has a tasty and attractive cover stands a much better chance, everything else being equal, of being opened and read, than one which is arranged in a sober dress and looks as if it had lain fading in some old chest for the last 25 years. Among our exchanges, the *Cadet* looks much better than the average on the outside, and it has an editorial on "Studying" which, if read and heeded, would be worth many times the price of a subscription to a large number of students.

When an exchange sees fit to copy anything from the UNDERGDADUATE and give the UNDERGRADUATE credit for it, we appreciate the compliment and remember it. We do not fish for notice, but when we do receive any little attention it goes to the spot. On the other hand, when the Hamilton *Review* copies a poem "To an Alumnus," and "Vacation Sketch," saying nothing in regard to where they were found, we are prepared to do some vigorous kicking. It is no more than common courtesy to put at the end of a "clip" the name of the paper in which it first appeared. We do not steal from other papers, and we like to be treated with as much consideration as we show towards others. The *Review* will do well to "give the devil his due."

The *Century* for June maintains its old standard of excellence. Geo. Kennan has an article showing some of the horrors of prison life in Russia. Mr. Kennan seems to be following in the footsteps of John Howard. An article about bloodhounds explodes the old notion of the ferocity of these animals. The illustrations in this article are very pleasing. The many admirers of Gen Lee will lose none of their

regard for him by reading the article in which Mrs. Margaret J. Preston gives some particulars of his life after the war. Everyone should read the sketch of Burnham, stenographer and astronomer, the "queer man who lived nights in a cheese-box," and discovered more double stars than all other astronomers have ever discovered. The number contains many points of interest which lack of space hinders our mentioning, but which will doubtless recommend themselves to the reader.

Sporting and Plunder.

The annual Field-day sports, which were postponed last fall on account of the rain, were held Friday afternoon, June 6. The gate receipts shows an increase in interest and attractiveness which is quite creditable to those who have had charge of those events, as well as to the contestants. The rain Thursday had softened the course to such an extent that it was impossible to make good time in the runs; but even with the track heavy and much cut up, the time, in most instances, was about as good as the best college record, which, undoubtedly, would have been broken with a fairly good chance, as the events were better contested than usual, and showed more spirit on the part of the participants as well as the good effects of systematic training.

The sports commenced at 2:30 with the "Standing Broad Jump," which was won by Bryant, '91, distance 9ft. 8in.; Ross, '90, second, distance 9ft. 3in.; and was followed by the "Mile Run," which was won by Collins, '89, in 5m. 28¼s.; Reilly, '91, second. It was quite evident to the spectators that it only needed a good track to have lowered this record considerable. There were three entries for "Putting Shot." Bryant, '91, lead off with the winning put of 29ft. 10in., beating the best previous record by 2ft. 9in.; Ross, '90, second with one of 28ft. One of the most interesting and closely contested events was the "Standing High Jump," as it was expected that at least two or three would distinguish themselves by excelling their predecessors, but in this they were disappointed as the medal was captured by a jump of 4ft. 4½in., by Ross, '90, with Austin, '89, a close second. As there seemed to have been no previous training for the "Running Broad Jump" it was not expected to be especially interesting, but after the first bout there was a rush made for the front of the grand stand by the spectators in order the more closely to observe some very graceful work, and to see Ross, '90, capture a second medal with a jump of 17ft. 2in., and when on another trial he made it 17ft. 9½in., the crowd gave him a hearty cheer. The "Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Dash," although some two seconds slower than previously run by some of the contestants, was very spirited and exciting, being won by Douglas, '89, with Collins, '89, an exceedingly close second.

It seemed that there was a mistake made in adopting the rules followed, that is in not allowing trials as long as one could, on three trials, equal or excel the best previous effort, the trials to continue until one is the undisputed champion. It appeared that the "hop, step and jump—running start" was declared finished just as the men were commencing work, and that trials to a finish would have been much more satisfactory, at least there would have been a different record. It appeared as if Ross, '90, could have made the winning jump 39 ft. as well as 37 ft., or Boynton could have secured 38 ft. for second place instead of 35 ft. 10 in.

The next event was the 100 yards dash, won by Douglas, '89, in 12 seconds, Collins, '89, and Bryant, '91, being tied for second place. This race created quite a stir, as the runners kept well together to the cord, making up in appearance for what they lacked in speed. The "Three Jumps" was without interest, Ross, '90, being the only contestant; also the "Half-Mile Run" was a tame affair, being easily won by Reilly, '91, in 2m. 28s., with Pinney, '91, second.

Ross, '90, then scored another victory, with Bryant, '91, second, by throwing the base ball 294 feet, after which came the prettiest affair of the day, the pole vaulting by Ross, '90. Although he had already taken five first prizes he succeeded in raising the college record, making it 9ft. 4½in., which called out a hearty applause from the spectators. The other contestants failing to appear, Ross, '90, had a "walk-over" in the "Running High Jump." The sports closed with Bryant, '91, winning the "One Quarter Mile Run" in 61¼s., Reilly, '91, second.

Much credit is due Mr. Sherman, '90, director, and Messrs. Douglas, '89, Goddard, '90, Walker, '91, field-day committee, for the success of the day.

On account of rain the Tennis Tournament, which was commenced on the 1st, could not be finished on the 8th as expected.

College Notes.

Chapters of Delta Phi and Zeta Psi have been organized at Yale.

The *Yale News* pays each senior editor from $250 to $275 a year.

Of the 315 students that entered Harvard last year, only 26 were familiar with the Greek language.

Princcton will offer a new course in electrical engineering at the beginning of the next college year.

The Trustees of Princeton have given Dr. McCosh a pension of $2,500 whether engaged in his duties or not.

Hon. Benjamin F. Butler is to deliver the annual address at the Commencement exercises of Colby University.

Five men have been suspended from Brown for cribbing. Moral: Never "crib," but if you do, don't get caught.

One of the professors of the University of Michigan is giving the students weekly lessons in singing college songs.

The University of Pennsylvania will erect a dormitory at a cost of $125,000, which is to be the largest in the United States.

Cornell University made the greatest gain in any course this year in electrical engineering, an increase of 50 per cent, being registered.

Amherst Trustees recommend limiting the number of students to three hundred. The belief is that small colleges turn out the best students.

A university in honor of the late President Garfield is to be established in Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Garfield has given $10,000 toward the enterprise.

Johns Hopkins has succeeded in raising the $150,000 necessary to tide over the difficulties caused by the failure of the B. and O. road to pay interest on its shares.

Mr. John D. Rockfeller has given $600,000 for the founding of a university in Chicago, provided the people in Chicago will subscribe enough more to make the sum $1,000,000.

Lake Forest University has raised the $400,000 necessary to retain the services of President William C. Roberts. In less than three years this institution has secured $700,000.

The students at Yale have decided to perpetuate the old fence custom, and the fence being erected opposite Durfee will take the place of that which gave way to a new recitation building

A Freshman of Troy Polytechnic Institute was recently hazed by the Sophomores, who incidentally covered him with green paint in addition to other inflictions. The result is that the student hazed is sick in body as well as in soul.

The Sheffield Scientific School will soon come into possession of the valuable Joseph Sheffield homestead. The house itself is a valuable one to the school, and the grounds provide a sufficient area of vacant land for needs which the institution may have.

A large reception at the University of Wisconsin was broken up by some of the students pouring cayenne pepper through a hole in the ceiling. Several suspensions have been made which may become expulsions after the investigation has been completed by the Faculty.

The Stevens Institute has been selected to represent the Educational Department of Mechanical Engineering of the United States at the Paris Exposition. A number of views of the institute, together with a large collection of the college literature, includ- the *Eccentric*, *Bolt* and *Indicator*, have been for warded.

Yale University has purchased the Munson place, near York and Elm streets, for the new Yale gymnasium. It will be given to the Gymnasium Committee at once. The price has not been made public. The lot has 200 feet front on York street and runs back about 400 feet. It is only two blocks away from the Yale campus. It is believed the building will be erected immediately.

The President of Colby College, acting under the instructions of the Trustees, has expelled two Freshmen and suspended till Commencement two Seniors said to have been the leaders in the recent hazing of some girl students. The hazing consisted of attracting the girls to the windows of their dormitories at night and then playing the hose on them. It is stated the escapade would have been passed over by the Faculty had not a highly-colored version of the affair been widely published, the girls having been greatly incensed at the notoriety given them. It is said, however, that all the girls except one, whose father is a Trustee, were averse to having the matter referred to the Faculty.

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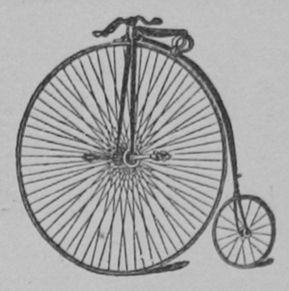

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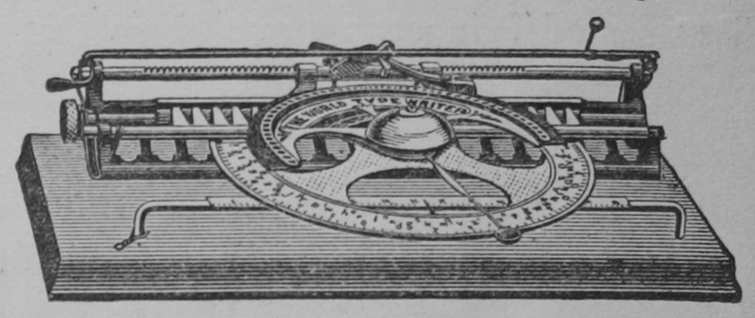

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